Koran in Law Courts.

279 *MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the date of the Government order directing the Courts of Law to keep the copies of the Holy Koran locked up in separate boxes :

(*b*) whether there is any provision in the same Government order to the effect that the copies of the Holy Koran will be totally removed from all the Courts after a certain period ; and

(*c*) whether they will be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the same Government Order ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) 8th October 1927.

(*b*) The order was to the effect that if it was found that no Muslims called for the Koran in Courts for three years, the question of withdrawing the sacred volume from the Courts would be considered.

(*c*) A copy of G. O. R. O. C. No. 6058 of 27/Judl., dated the 8th October 1927, is laid on the table.

Prohibition of procession with tom-tom in front of places of worship.

280 *MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is a prayer in the report submitted to Government by the non-official Muslim Committee who enquired into the firing by the Police at the Mosque at Quilon, for the passing of a Regulation prohibiting processions with *tom-tom* in front of all places of worship of every community in the State ; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether they will be pleased to state the nature of the action taken by Government on the same ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise.

Godown rent from the Tobacco Licensees.

281 *MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state the amounts collected in the shape of godown rent from the tobacco licensees at the tobacco bankshalls at Quilon and Alleppey during the year 1109 ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) :

		Rs.	Chs.	C.
Quilon	...	9,408	7	12
Alleppey	...	4,110	8	11

Motor Bus and railway fares between Trivandrum and Shencotta.

282 *MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there are motor buses plying for hire between Trivandrum and Shencotta ; and

*Vide Appendix IX.

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Appendix IX.

Vide Answer to Queston No. 279.

R. O. C. No. 6058 of 27/Judicial.

Huzur Cutcherry,
Trivandrum, 8th October 1927.

From

K. George Esquire, B. A.,
Chief Secretary to Government.

To

The Registrar,
High Court.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to representations Nos. 178 and 183, made at the 23rd Sessions of the Aesembly, by Messrs. Vava Kunju Lebba, Member, Municipal Council, Kayankulam, and E Mahommed Kunju, Member nominated, respectively, *re* the removal of Koran from Law Courts, and the Dewan's reply thereto to the effect (i) that the Koran should be kept locked up in a box of which the Judge or the Magistrate will keep the key, the box being brought only if and when it is needed; and (ii) that, if it is found that no Muslim calls for the Koran in Courts for the next three years, the question of withdrawing the sacred volumes from the Courts would be considered (*vide* pages 241, 242, 248 and 249 of the printed proceedings), I am directed to request that the High Court will be so good as to issue the necessary instructions in regard to (i), and, in regard to (ii), to send up consolidated half-yearly statements to Government as to the calls for Koran made in Courts by Muslim parties and witnesses during the course of the next three years.

I have etc.,
Sd/- K. George,
Chief Secretary to Government.

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